

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 30, 2005. Claims 1-24 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1, 12, 13, and 23 are in independent form. Claims 1-3, 7, 8, 10, 12-15, 18, 21 and 23 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention. Claim 16 has been amended as to matters of form only; no change in scope is intended or believed to be effected by this change. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-10, 12-21, 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,418,630 (Mori). Claims 11 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mori in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,600,726 (Nevo).

As shown above, Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 12, 13, and 23 in terms that more clearly define what they regard as their invention. Applicants submit that these amended independent claims, together with the remaining claims dependent thereon, are patentably distinct from the cited prior art for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 is directed to a communication system having an image input apparatus and an image formation apparatus for communicating with the image input apparatus. The system includes a wireless communication device which communicates between the image formation apparatus and the image input apparatus via a wireless line. The wireless communication device has a low-power consumption state. The system also includes a detection device which detects a predetermined operation by a user for instructing the image formation apparatus to perform a predetermined process on an image input by the image input apparatus, and a release device which releases the low-power consumption state of the wireless

communication device in accordance with a detection result by the detection device, and for controlling transmission of the image input by the image input apparatus to the image formation apparatus.

Among other notable features of Claim 1 is (1) a wireless communication device having a low-power consumption state and (2) a release device which releases the low-power consumption state of the wireless communication device in accordance with a detection result by the detection device.

Mori relates to a facsimile apparatus including a main unit and a handscanner between which signals are transmitted using an optical communication technique. Table 1 shows the various types of signals that can be transferred between interfaces of the main unit and the handscanner (see column 8, line 55 - column 9, line 5). However, Applicants have found nothing in Mori that would teach or suggest “a wireless communication device which communicates between said image formation apparatus and said image input apparatus via a wireless line, and having a low-power consumption state,” or “a release device which releases the low-power consumption state of said wireless communication device in accordance with a detection result by said detection device, and for controlling transmission of the image input by said image input apparatus to said image formation apparatus,” as recited in Claim 1 (emphasis added).

A review of the other art of record, including Nevo, has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicant’s opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as a reference against Claim 1.

Independent Claims 12, 13 and 23 recite features similar to those discussed above with respect to Claim 1 and therefore are also believed to be patentable over the cited prior

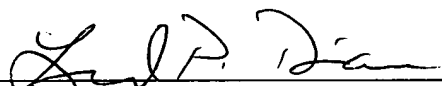
art for the reasons discussed above.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable continued examination and early passage to issue of the present application.

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